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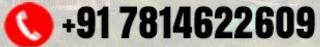
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#### **POLITY**

- 1. Who will head the 3 member Committee set up by Supreme Court to oversee relief in Manipur?
- A. Justice G. Rohini
- B. Justice Shalini Phansalkar Joshi
- C. Justice Asha Menon
- D. Justice Gita Mittal

**ANSWER: D** 

2. India's first village atlas is of Mayem village, which is located in-

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- A. Goa
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Mizoram

**ANSWER: A** 

#### **ECONOMY**

- 1. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Account Aggregator is a framework that simply facilitates sharing of financial information in a real-time and data-blind manner.
- 2. These are approved as a new class of NBFC (Non Banking Financial Companies) by SEBI.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 2. Consider the following statements:
- 1. INVITS are market traded investments regulated by Reserve Bank of India.
- 2. Any dividend or interest income that one can get from an InvIT is completely tax free.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 3. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Participatory notes (P-notes) are offshore derivative instruments with foreign shares as the underlying assets.

2. P-notes are issued by registered Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to overseas investors.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: B

- 4. Consider the following statements:
- Bhu-Vision is an Internet of Things-based automated soil testing and agronomy advisory platform.
- 2. It seamlessly conducts 30 key soil parameter tests in just 12 minutes.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 5. Consider the following statements:
- 1. A debenture is a medium- to long-term debt security issued by a company as a means of borrowing money at a fixed interest rate.
- 2. A debenture is always secured by collateral.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 6. Mushkbudi Rice, recently got a GI Tag. It is grown in-
- A. Haryana
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. West Bengal

#### ANSWER: B

- 7. Which bank has become India's first bank to provide 24×7 Video Banking Service?
- A. SBI
- B. HDFC
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. none of the above

#### ANSWER: D

- 8. ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticulture Research, Bengaluru (IIHR) has developed Soilless production of vegetables. It is being called-
- A. Vegeponics
- B. Gobiponics
- C. Healthiponics
- D. Cocoponics

#### ANSWER: D

- 9. Consider the following statements:
- Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production programme aims to empower women by engaging them as trained agents in livestock management.
- 2. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Fisheries,
  Animal Husbandry & Dairying and the Ministry
  of Women and Child Development.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

A. 1 only

- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

10. A pilot Public Tech Platform for 'frictionless credit' has been launched by-

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- A. Niti aavog
- B. State bank of india
- C. Reserve bank innovation hub
- D. None of the above

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 11. The term First Mile Connectivity is used in the context of-
- A. Agriculture
- B. School education
- C. Coal mining
- D. Primary healthcare

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 12. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Reserve Bank of India recently launched UDGAM portal.
- Unclaimed deposits can be claimed by the respective depositor but without any accrued interest.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: B

- 13. Consider the following statements:
- 1. A new mobile application 'SAMUDRA' was launched by Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services.
- 2. INCOIS is under the purview of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

## **14.** Matti banana got a GI Tag from which of the following state?

- A. Andhra pradesh
- B. West bengal
- C. Tamil nadu
- D. None of the above

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 15. Consider the following statements:

- 1. As per new guidelines, Infrastructure Debt Fund-NBFCs will now be required to have a net owned fund (NOF) of at least Rs 100 crore.
- 2. They should have a capital-to-risk weighted assets ratio (CRAR) of minimum 15%.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 16. Consider the following statements:

- Obligately hydrocarbonoclastic bacteria consume hydrocarbons as a sole carbon and energy source.
- Alcanivorax borkumensis bacteria form "dendritic" biofilms that reshape oil droplets but decrease the rate of bioremediation.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 17. Consider the following statements:

 Minimum Export Price involves fixing a price above which an exporter shall not sell the product to an overseas customer. 2. Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, provides legal backing for MEP.

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#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 18. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Project Amber aims to train 30,000 youth, 50% of whom will be women.
- 2. The learners will be provided with 'cloud' skills training.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 19. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Ministry of Finance has granted equivalence status to e-Bank Guarantees and Insurance Surety Bonds.
- 2. Surety bonds offer shorter maturity terms than the traditional banking products.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

## 20. Chokuwa rice has recently earned a GI tag form-

- A. Assam
- B. West Bengal
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu

#### ANSWER: A

## 21. What are the preferable conditions for a goldilocks economy?

- A. Steady growth, Moderate Inflation, Low employment rate
- B. High growth, low Inflation, Low employment rate
- C. Steady growth, Moderate Inflation, Low unemployment rate
- D. Slow growth, high Inflation, Low unemployment rate

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**ANSWER: C** 

#### **GEOGRAPHY**

- 1. Consider the following statements:
- 1. The Indian Ocean Dipole refers to an index that measures sea surface temperatures across eastern and western tropical Indian Ocean.
- 2. The negative IOD event is known to help the South-West monsoon.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: A** 

#### **ART AND CULTURE**

- 1. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Mana Village is regarded as the last village before the India-China border in Ladakh.
- 2. Mahabharata was written on the bhojpatra.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 2. Aadi Perukku festival was recently celebrated in the state of-
- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Telangana
- D. Both B and C

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 3. Consider the following statements:
- Unmesha- Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts has been organised by Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- 2. 'Unmesha' and 'Utkarsh' festivals were held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 4. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Shaligrams are ancient fossils of ammonites.
- 2. Shaligram stones are viewed primarily as manifestations of the Hindu god Shiva.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 5. Consider the following statements:
- 1. A memorial and temple of Sant Ravidas ji is being built in Maharashtra.
- 2. Meera Bai considered Sant Ravidas as her spiritual Guru.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 6. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Navroz is believed to be 3000 years old festival and emerged from one of world's oldest religions Judaism.
- 2. The Parsi community in India celebrates Navroz nearly 200 days before the rest of the world.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

7. The first airport in north east to introduce the innovative 'Digi Yatra' facility is at-

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- A. Dispur
- B. Agartala
- C. Shillong
- D. Guwahati

**ANSWER: D** 

#### **PERSON NEWS**

- 1. Renowned folk singer and activist, Gaddar, who passed away recently, belonged to-
- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Telangana
- D. Maharashtra

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 2. William Friedkin, who passed away recently, was a-
- A. Painter
- B. Movie director
- C. Footballer
- D. Cricketer

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 3. Consider the following statements:
- Subhadra Kumari Chauhan wrote Jhansi ki Rani, one of the most recited poems in Hindi literature.
- 2. She was India's first woman Satyagrahi to be arrested in Nagpur.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: C** 

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#### **ENVIRONMENT**

- 1. Pedicularis Revealiana, seen recently in news, is a species of-
- A. Butterfly
- B. Frog
- C. Spider
- D. Plant

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 2. Consider the following statements:
- India has become the second country to achieve captive breeding of Himalayan vultures after China.
- 2. IUCN Red list status of Himalayan Vulture is critically endangered.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 3. The Paleo Proxy Technique is a method used by scientists for-
- A. Space exploration
- B. Reconstructing past climate variations
- C. Manufacturing nuclear weapon substitutes
- D. Tracking cyber crimes

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 4. Consider the following statements:
- 1. IUCN Red list status of Iberian Wolf is Endangered.
- 2. The Iberian peninsula comprises Italy and Portugal.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: D

- 5. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Similipal Tiger Reserve was added to UNESCO's Man and Biosphere Program in 1999.
- 2. Simlipal derives its name from 'Simul' (silk cotton) tree.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 6. Consider the following statements:
- 1. A rare yellow belly snake was seen on the coast of Digha Bay of Bengal.
- 2. Its IUCN Red List status is Endangered.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 7. Water Neutrality for industries- definition and report has been recently laid out by-
- A. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry
- B. Ministry of Heavy Industries
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. NITI Aayog

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 8. Consider the following statements:
- 1. 'Tharosaurus indicus' is a newly discovered species of extinct fish from India.
- 2. Its fossils were collected from Jaiselmer.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 9. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Indian Eagle Owl is found in the entire Indian peninsula.
- 2. Its IUCN Red List status is vulnerable.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Conservation reserves were first introduced in the Wild Life (Protection) Act of 1972.
- 2. Once a forest area is designated as a community reserve, it becomes a no-hunting zone.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve is situated in western Madhya Pradesh.
- 2. Vegetation here is Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest which includes dry mixed forests to moist forest type.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

## 12. Tampara Lake, seen recently in news, is situated in-

- A. Assam
- B. West Bengal
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Odisha

#### **ANSWER: D**

## 13. The concept OF 'deemed forests' came into existence following a Supreme Court order in the-

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- A. TN Godavarman case
- B. Kesavnanda Bharati case
- C. V. Lakshmipathy case
- D. Tarun Bhagat Singh case

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 14. Consider the following statements:

1. India Meteorological Department recently launched an app called 'Floodwatch'.

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2. It can forecast the chances of floods 15 days in advance.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 15. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India's first ever deployment of hydrogen buses on public roads is under a pilot project in Leh.
- 2. The project is being undertaken by National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: D

#### 16. Consider the following statements:

- Mustard seeds have high levels of glucosinolates, a group of sulphur and nitrogencontaining compounds contributing to the characteristic pungency of their oil and meal.
- 2. High glucosinolates in rapeseed meal are known to cause goiter and internal organ abnormalities in livestock.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: C

#### 17. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Side Channel Attacks hack systems based on the analysis of auxiliary systems used in the encryption method.
- 2. Acoustic Side Channel Attacks use sound of keyboard clicks to hack.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 18. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Palm Cockatoo is a native bird of Caribbean islands.
- 2. Its IUCN red list is vulnerable.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 19. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve was recently approved as India's 60<sup>th</sup> Tiger Reserve.
- 2. It will be Madhya Pradesh's fifth tiger reserve.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 20. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Cycle Safari was recently introduced in Pench Tiger Reserve.
- 2. Pench Tiger Reserve is spread across Maharashtra and Karnataka.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 21. Consider the following statements:

1. Lion Tailed Macaque is endemic to Northeastern Himalayas.

2. Its IUCN red list Status is 'critically endangered'.

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#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 22. Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary is located in-

- A. Assam
- B. West Bengal
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 23. Consider the following statements:

- 1. 54 countries have signed the Addis Ababa declaration at African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) 2023.
- The theme for AMCEN 2023 was "Seizing Opportunities and Enhancing Collaboration to Address Environmental Challenges in Africa".

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 24. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Takahe is a large flightless bird found in Australia.
- 2. Its IUCN red list status is critically endangered.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

- 1. Ayush Visa has been rolled out by Ministry of Home Affairs for-
- A. Indian AYUSH practitioners to showcase their work globally.
- B. Persons of indian origin for medical treatment in their homeland.
- C. OCI card holders for medical treatment in their homeland.
- D. Foreign nationals seeking medical treatment under the Indian systems of medicine.

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 2. Consider the following statements:
- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
   Academy joined the Interpol Global Academy
   Network recently.
- 2. IGAN was launched in 2019.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 3. Consider the following statements:
- 1. ECOWAS is a regional group of East African nations.
- 2. ECOWAS is headquartered at Nairobi, Kenya.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 4. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Raisina Dialogue is organized by the Observer Research Foundation.
- 2. The theme for Raisina Dialogue 2023 was "Provocation, Uncertainty, Turbulence: Lighthouse in the tempest".

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 5. A joint statement titled 'The Spirit of Camp David' was released by-
- A. USA, Japan, South Korea
- B. USA, Philippines, India
- C. USA, Japan, Taiwan
- D. USA, Taiwan, South Korea

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 6. Consider the following statements:
- 1. The African Union is made up of 55 member states.
- 2. Headquarters of African Union are located Nairobi, Kenya.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 7. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Gulf Cooperation Council is a political and economic union of eight countries in the Gulf region.
- 2. The headquarters of GCC are located in Dubai.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### **DAY TO REMEMBER**

- 1. Consider the following statements:
- 1. World Wide Web Day is observed on August 2<sup>nd</sup> annually.
- 2. Steve Jobs invented the World Wide Web.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 2. World Lung Cancer Day is observed on-
- A. August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- B. August 1st
- C. July 31st
- D. July 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 3. Consider the following statements:
- 1. The Earth Overshoot Day for year 2023 fell on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2. It is measured by Global Footprint Network since 1971.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 4. Consider the following statements:
- 1. National Handloom Day is observed annually on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. The Theme of National Handloom Day 2023 is "Handlooms for Smart Fashion".

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 5. International Day of the World's Indigenous People is observed on-
- A. August 9<sup>th</sup>
- B. August 8<sup>th</sup>

- C. August 7th
- D. August 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **ANSWER: A**

6. World Biofuel Day is observed annually on-

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- A. August 7th
- B. August 8th
- C. August 9<sup>th</sup>
- D. August 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 7. World Organ Donation Day is observed annually on
- A. August 12th
- B. August 13th
- C. August 14th
- D. August 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 8. Consider the following statements:
- 1. World Humanitarian Day is observed annually on August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. The theme for World Humanitarian Day 2023 is 'At all cost'.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 9. World Photography Day is observed annually on-
- A. August 16<sup>th</sup>
- B. August 17<sup>th</sup>
- C. August 18<sup>th</sup>
- D. August 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 10. World Mosquito Day is observed annually on-
- A. August 18<sup>th</sup>
- B. August 19th
- C. August 20<sup>th</sup>
- D. August 21st

#### **ANSWER: C**

11. World Senior Citizen Day is celebrated annually

on

- A. August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- B. August 21st
- C. August 20th
- D. August 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 12. World Water Week is organized annually by-

- A. Stockholm International Water Institute
- B. UNESCO
- C. World Water Council
- D. UN-Water

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 13. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is observed annually on-
- A. August 21<sup>st</sup>
- B. August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- C. August 23rd
- D. August 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 14. The theme for Women's Equality Day 2023 is-
- A. Equality and Equity
- B. Evolve into Equity

- C. Achieve Equality
- D. Embrace Equity

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 15. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Sports Day in India is celebrated every year on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

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2. It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand Singh.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 16. The first World Sanskrit Day was celebrated in-

- A. 1969
- B. 1979
- C. 1989
- D. 2014

**ANSWER: A** 

#### **INDEX AND REPORTS**

- 1. Panchayat Development Index is released by-
- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Cooperatives

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 2. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Global Education Monitoring Report, 2023 was recently released by UNESCO.
- 2. The report has been titled "Technology in education: a tool on whose terms?"

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 3. Consider the following statements:
- Global Climate Litigation Report: 2023 Status Review was published by Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- 2. The number of lawsuits over climate change has more than doubled since 2017.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### **AWARD**

- 1. Consider the following statements:
- 1. PM Modi was recently conferred the Lokmanya Tilak National Award.
- 2. It is given every year on 1<sup>st</sup> August, the birth anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 2. Consider the following statements about India Smart Cities Award Contest (ISAC)-2022:
- 1. Bhopal won the national smart city award.
- 2. Madhya Pradesh received the best state award and Puducherry received the UT award.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 3. Consider the following statements:
- 1. PM Modi was recently conferred with the Grand Cross of the Order of Honour.
- 2. It is the highest civilian honour in Greece.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### **SPACE**

- 1. Consider the following statements:
- Einstein Cross occurs when the curvature of space-time around a massive foreground object splits the light behind it into four, like the points of a cross.
- 2. The pattern was first predicted by Albert Einstein in 1915.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 2. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Perseid Meteor Shower originates from the asteroid Bennu.
- 2. Perseid Meteor Shower is named after the constellation Perseus.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: A

- 3. Consider the following statements:
- 1. USA is to launch its first lunar landing spacecraft Luna-25 in nearly half a century.
- 2. Its primary task will be to collect rock samples from a depth of up to 15 cm to test for the presence of frozen water.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 4. National Space Innovation Challenge 2023 has been jointly launched by AIM, ISRO and
- A. Navars Edutech
- B. BYJU's Edumedia
- C. Curious Minds EDtech
- D. Antriksh Praani Edu. Services

#### **ANSWER: A**

5. Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory (STEREO-A) spacecraft, which, made its first Earth flyby recently, was launched by-

- A. NASA
- B. European Space Agency
- C. ISRO
- D. SpaceX

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Hubble Space Telescope has captured image of an ancient comet-ESO 300-16.
- 2. One parsec is equal to 3.26 light years.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: A

7. The landing site of Chandrayaan-3's moon lander would be referred as-

- A. Tiranga point
- B. Bharat Shakti Point
- C. India Point
- D. Shiv Shakti Point

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 8. Consider the following statements:

1. Aditya-L1 will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian space mission to study the sun.

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2. All 7 payloads on the Aditya L1 mission will be remote sensing payloads.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### **SCIENCE**

- 1. Consider the following statements:
- Direct Methanol Fuel Cells convert chemical energy of liquid methanol into electrical energy directly.
- 2. They have high energy density, low efficiency and high operating temperature.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Cryptobiosis is the state of an organism when it shows no visible signs of life and when its metabolic activity becomes hardly measurable, or comes reversibly to a standstill.
- 2. In this state organisms can survive complete absence of water and oxygen and withstand other extreme conditions.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 3. Consider the following statements:
- Worldcoin is intended to be the world's largest identity and financial public network, open to everyone.
- 2. For this, a customer has to sign up and do an inperson finger print scan at particular locations.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 4. Consider the following statements:

- NITI Aayog has rolled out Finger Minutiae
   Record Finger Image Record (FMR-FIR)
   modality for Aadhaar-enabled Payment System
   (AePS).
- 2. It uses a combination of both finger minutiae and finger image to check the liveness of the fingerprint captured.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. HeLa cells were the first human cells to be successfully cloned.
- 2. Normally, cells cultured in the lab from human cells can be kept alive for only a few days.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. A humanoid robot called "Pibot" that can fly aircraft has been developed in China.
- 2. Pibot is able to memorise complex manuals presented in natural language.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: B

#### 7. Consider the following statements:

1. Google has launched AI model named SeamlessM4T.

2. SeamlessM4T is the first all-in-one multimodal and multilingual AI translation model that allows translating speech and text across different languages.

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#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 8. Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX) is a joint mission of-
- A. India and Japan
- B. India and USA
- C. USA and Japan
- D. India and Russia

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Sodium-ion batteries are cheaper than Lithium ion batteries.
- 2. Sodium-ion batteries are a good fit for applications where fast charging and high discharge rates are required, such as electric vehicles.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### **DEFENCE**

- 1. 'Yudh Abhyas' exercise is a/an \_\_\_\_\_exercise between India and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Annual, United Kingdom
- B. Biannual, United Kingdom
- C. Biennial, USA
- D. Annual, USA

**ANSWER: D** 

- 2. USA has committed to provide Ukraine with M1 Abram which is a/an-
- A. Tank
- B. Anti-submarine vessel
- C. Warship
- D. Uav/drone

**ANSWER: A** 

- 3. Exercise Zayed Talwar is a/an \_\_\_\_\_exercise between India and .
- A. Army, UAE
- B. Air force, Saudi Arabia
- C. Naval, UAE
- D. Army, Kuwait

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 4. Exercise Malabar 2023 is being held in-
- A. Tokyo
- B. Los Angeles
- C. Mumbai
- D. Sydney

#### **ANSWER: D**

- India's first ever long-range revolver, manufactured by Advanced Weapons and Equipment India, is named as-
- A. Pratham
- B. Prabal
- C. Nirbheek
- D. Nirbhaya

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 6. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Project 17A is associated with indigenous manufacturing of diesel powered submarines.
- Marine vessels under Project 17A are constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE).

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 7. Consider the following statements:
- 1. A large number of megalithic hat stones have been excavated in Tirunavaya, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. Tirunavaya is located on the banks of river Bharathapuzha.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

8. The nine-member committee for overhaul of Defence Research and Development Organization, will be headed by-

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- A. Anirudh Patel
- B. Chandra Prakash Yadav
- C. Bhiwani Singh
- D. K Vijay Raghavan

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 9. Consider the following statements about coil guns:
- 1. These are also known as magnetic accelerators or Gauss guns.
- 2. Repeated firings do not cause wear on components of these guns.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: C

#### 10. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with Mazagaon Dockyard Limited for the acquisition of five Fleet Support Ships (FSS).
- 2. FSS provide essential resources such as fuel, water, ammunition, and supplies to naval fleets on extended missions.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 11. Consider the following statements:

- 1. ORON is spy plane recently tested by the USA military.
- 2. It operates at an altitude of up to 40,000-50,000 feet with a flight range of 1,000 km.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

#### 12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. 'Smishing' is a kind of cyberattack which uses Bluetooth signals across public places.
- 2. It uses misleading texts to trick you into revealing confidential information.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

## 13. Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23 is being conducted in

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- A. Hungary
- B. Qatar
- C. Greece
- D. Egypt

**ANSWER: D** 

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- 1. Who has recently been given extension as Cabinet Secretary?
- A. Rajiv Gauba
- B. Rishab Talwar
- C. Sandeep Chaudhary
- D. BD Pande

**ANSWER: A** 

- 2. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)?
- A. Bharat Sharma
- B. Jatin Prakash
- C. Sanjay Kumar Aggarwal
- D. Dhruv Pandey

**ANSWER: C** 

#### **PLACE NEWS**

- 1. Cocos islands, located in Indian Ocean, are under the administration of-
- A. Australia
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Cambodia
- D. Myanmar

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 2. Amhara, seen recently in news, is located in which of the following countries?
- A. Ethiopia
- B. Egypt
- C. Greece
- D. Spain

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 3. Consider the following statements:
- Arash-Dorra Gas Fields are located in Mediterranean Sea.
- 2. Karish and Qana gas fields are located in Red Sea.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

A. 1 only

- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 4. Ecuador is situated on the coast of-
- A. Pacific Ocean
- B. Atlantic Ocean
- C. Mediterranean Sea
- D. Gulf of Mexico

#### ANSWER: A

- 5. Murmansk Port is located in \_\_\_\_\_ peninsula in Russia.
- A. Kamchatka
- B. Kola
- C. Rybachy
- D. Abrau

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 6. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Lake Titicaca is the world's highest navigable body of water.

2. It is located on the border between Bolivia and Chile.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 7. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Sulina Channel is a distributary of river Volga.
- 2. Sulina Channel lies in Romania.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

- 8. The highest motorable road in the world is located in-
- A. Sikkim
- B. Lhaul Spiti

C. Tawang

D. Ladakh

#### ANSWER: D

#### 9. Consider the following statements:

1. Yasuni National Park, one of the world's most biodiverse regions, is located in Ecuador.

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2. It has been designated a world biosphere reserve by the UNESCO

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: C** 

#### 10. Lake Gatun, seen recently in news, is located

in-

- A. Panama
- B. Bolivia
- C. Cuba
- D. Peru

ANSWER: A

#### **POLICY AND PROGRAMME**

- 1. Consider the following statements:
- 1. PM recently released the first installment of funds under the PM SHRI Scheme.
- 2. It is a central sector scheme for tribal welfare.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect? CivilsTap

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Gobardhan portal has been developed by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- 2. The portal was initiated to streamline the registration process for operational, underconstruction, and planned biogas or CBG plants across the country.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: A

#### 3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. ULLAS mobile application is available both on android and iOS.
- 2. The app can be used for registration of learners and volunteers either through self-registration or by surveyors.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### ANSWER: C

#### 4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Sahakar 22 initiative was launched by National Cooperative Development Corporation in 2022.
- 2. FOCUS 222 is aimed at assisting Cooperatives in 222 Districts including 117 Aspirational Districts.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

## 5. MASI portal has been developed for real time monitoring of-

- A. Government school students
- B. Marine farming pilot projects
- C. Minority dominated neighborhoods
- D. Child care Institutions

#### ANSWER: D

#### 6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Ministry of External Affairs recently launched the Study In India (SII) portal to promote Indian education to foreign students.
- 2. It will provide an integrated one-stop solution for the student registration and visa application processes.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 7. Consider the following statements:

1. Redevelopment works of 508 railway stations in the country have been launched under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

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2. The design of the station buildings will be inspired by local culture, heritage, and architecture.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 8. Consider the following statements:

- 1. PUSHp portal is associated with compulsory afforestation and CAMPA funds.
- 2. Launched in 2023, it is being currently used by more than 10 states.

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#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Government e-Marketplace (GeM) is India's online marketplace for public procurement.
- 2. The nodal ministry for GeM is Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 10. Consider the following statements:

- National Automated Fingerprint Identification System was designed by Ministry of Defence.
- 2. NAFIS assigns a unique 12-digit National Fingerprint Number (NFN) to each person arrested for a crime.

## Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 11. Consider the following statements:

- Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi
   Pariyojana was launched by Ministry of Health
   and Family Welfare.
- 2. Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) is the implementing agency.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme was launched in 2016.
- 2. Under the NAPS, the Centre reimburses 25% of the prescribed stipend to the employer, not subjected to any limit.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 13. Under Lakhpati Didi scheme, skill training will be provided to\_\_\_\_\_ women.
- A. 1 crore
- B. 2 crore
- C. 3 crore

#### D. 4 crore

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 14. Consider the following statements:

1. Promotion of Research & Innovation in Pharma-MedTech sector (PRIP) scheme has been launched by Minister for Health and Family Welfare.

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2. Its objective is to transform the Indian Pharma MedTech sector from cost-based competitiveness to innovation-based growth.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 15. GREAT scheme, seen recently in news, is associated with-
- A. Food standards
- B. Technical textiles
- C. Education sector reform
- D. Green revolution in eastern states

ANSWER: B

### SOCIAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH

- 1. BPaL regimen is a treatment course against disease.
- A. AIDS
- B. Elephantiasis
- C. Covid-19
- D. Tuberculosis

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 2. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Chromodomain Helicase DNA Binding Protein 1 Like (CHD1L) gene variant lowers the risk of transmitting the HIV virus.

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2. The gene variant CHD1L is found on chromosome 1.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 3. Havana syndrome was first reported by US diplomats working in-
- A. Cuba
- B. China
- C. Hawaii
- D. Moscow

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 4. Consider the following statements:
- 1. National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee is headed by Manjul Bhargava.
- 2. It is 15 member committee mandated to prepare textbooks, and other teaching learning materials.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: D** 

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (or ALS) is a neurodegenerative disease.

2. Currently, there is no effective cure for ALS.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: C** 

6. Consider the following statements:

1. ABRYSVO vaccine has been approved recently by US-FDA.

2. It is given to pregnant women later in pregnancy to protect infants from Respiratory Syncytial Virus in the first 6 months.

Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: C** 

7. WHO's first ever Global Summit on Traditional Medicine was inaugurated in

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A. Ahmedabad

B. Jamnagar

C. Surat

D. Gandhinagar

**ANSWER: D** 

8. Consider the following statements:

 Meghalaya has become the first state in India to operationalize Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission's microsite project.

2. Microsites are defined geographical regions where focused outreach efforts would be made to onboard small and medium scale private

healthcare providers.

Which of the following statements is/ are incorrect?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: A

**SPORT** 

1. Who has recently won the Belgian Grand Prix 2023?

A. Max Verstappen

B. Sergio Perez

C. Charles Leclerc

D. Fernando Alonso

**ANSWER: A** 

2. The latest edition of Durand Cup 2023 is held in-

A. Assam

B. Bihar

C. Chhattisgarh

D. Daman and Diu

**ANSWER: A** 

3. India recently won first ever Gold medal at the World Archery Championship held in-

A. Amsterdam

B. Berlin

C. Cambridge

D. Dublin

**ANSWER: B** 

4. Which of the following has become the first Indian state to offer free in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment?

A. Gujarat

B. Punjab

C. Kerala

D. Goa

**ANSWER: D** 

5. Who won the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023?

A. Brazil

B. Argentina

C. Spain

D. England

**ANSWER: C** 

6. Who has won the FIDE Chess World Cup 2023?

A. Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa

B. Magnus Carlsen

- C. Vishwanathan Anand
- D. Fabiano Caruana

**ANSWER: B** 

- 7. Who has won the Dutch Grand Prix 2023?
- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Fernando Alonso
- C. Pieere Gasly
- D. Sergio Perez

**ANSWER: A** 

8. Neeraj Chopra has won gold medal in the men's javelin throw event at the World Athletics Championships. It was held in-

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- A. Athens
- B. Budapest
- C. Cairo
- D. Dublin

**ANSWER: B** 

#### **MISCELLANEOUS QUESTION**

#### 1. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Most of the DNA in a genome is neatly packed inside cells.
- 2. NASA's Voyager 2 is the second spacecraft to explore space between stars.
- 3. The Kashmir Valley contributes to 75% of the total cherry production in India.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 2. Consider the following statements:

- Small fragments of nucleic acids present in body fluids, outside of cells, are widely known as cellfree DNA (cfDNA).
- 2. NASA's Voyager 1 was launched after Voyager 2.
- 8 cherry varieties are grown in Kashmir with Mishri considered sweeter than all other varieties.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. cfDNA have been used in screening foetuses by application non-invasive prenatal testing.
- 2. Voyager 1 is the only spacecraft to study all four of the solar system's giant planets up close.

3. Cherry crop is extremely sensitive to extreme weather conditions

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 4. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Gujjar-Bakerwal are the second largest group after Kashmiris in J&K.
- 2023 Plastic Overshoot Day Report was recently released by United Nations Environment Program.
- 3. Railway Protection Force is an armed force under the operational and administrative control of the Union Ministry of Railways.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 5. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Paddari tribe has maximum population identifying as Buddhists.
- 2. For 2023, Plastic Overshoot Day landed on July 28th.
- 3. Government Railway Police is a part of the district police force, reporting to the state government.

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 6. Consider the following statements:

- Pahari tribe are Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs, and include people of Kashmiri origin who settled in districts of Rajouri and Poonch.
- 2. Annual per capita plastic consumption is higher in India than global average.
- 3. The protection of goods sheds, goods wagons at stations and parcel offices is the duty of the Government Railway Police.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### ANSWER: C

#### 7. Consider the following statements:

- ZARTH, short for 'ZTF Augmented Reality
   Transient Hunter' app has been developed by
   researchers at Massachusetts Institute of
   Technology.
- 2. Great Barrier Reef is located along the northwestern coast of Australia.
- 3. Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) is under the purview of Ministry of Finance.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 8. Consider the following statements:

- Transients refer to astronomical phenomena with durations of fractions of a second to weeks or years.
- 2. Great Barrier Reef was declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1981.

3. The lending period for PM SVANidhi was extended till December 2023.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. ZARTH ranks transients by their rarity and importance.
- 2. Great Barrier Reef is the longest and largest coral reef system in the world.
- 3. PM SVANidhi is a micro credit scheme, facilitating a working capital collateral free first time loan of ₹20,000.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### ANSWER: C

#### 10. Consider the following statements:

- Schedule N of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, deals with GMP for pharmaceutical manufacturing units, including specific requirements pertaining to premises, plant and equipment.
- 2. LK-99 is a material that can conduct superconductivity at room temperatures.
- 3. Jalesar Dhatu Shilp recently got GI tag from Madhya Pradesh.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 11. Consider the following statements:

 Deadline for mandatory implementation of the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for companies with a turnover of over Rs 250 crore

- will have to implement the revised GMP within one year.
- 2. Till now, superconductivity was observed in materials only at very high temperatures.
- 3. Bikaner Kashidakari Craft is traditional art of tying and dyeing.

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. GMPs were first incorporated in Schedule M in 1988.
- 2. Superconductors are a critical component of modern-day transportation systems, medicine, energy transmission, and scientific research.
- 3. Goan Bebinca is a traditional Indo-French pudding.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 13. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Spike missile is developed by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems.
- Red Sanders is locally known as Yerra Chandanam, Rakta Chandanam.
- 3. Lunar Codex programme aims at international cooperation for peaceful use of Lunar surface.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 14. Consider the following statements:

1. Indian Air Force (IAF) has received the Spike Non Line of Sight (NLOS) anti-tank guided missiles from France.

2. Red Sanders has restricted geographical range in the Eastern Ghats.

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3. Lunar Codex programme is spearheaded by Samuel Peralta, a semi-retired physicist and art collector from Canada.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 15. Consider the following statements:

- Spike is a fire-and-forget anti-tank and antipersonnel missile with a tandem-charge highexplosive warhead.
- 2. Red Sanders is a fast-growing tree species.
- 3. The artworks under Lunar Codex will be the first to be stranded on the moon.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 16. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Iraq has now joined the league of 17 other countries that have eliminated trachoma.
- NASA and ISRO are working on Demonstration Rocket for Agile Cislunar Operations (DRACO) program.
- 3. An unmanned aerial vehicle, Neerakshi, has been designed to detect mines.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 17. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Trachoma is world's leading infectious cause of blindness.
- 2. DRACO program utilizes heat from a nuclear powered fusion reactor to heat a hydrogen

- propellant that expands from a nozzle and provides thrust.
- 3. Neerakshi is a collaboration of Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers and Aerospace Engineering Private Ltd.

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1 & 2 only

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 18. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Trachoma starts off as a viral infection caused by Chlamydia trachomatis.
- 2. DRACO spacecraft is under construction by Lockheed Martin.
- 3. Neerakshi, an unmanned cylindrical vehicle is about 2.1-metre long, a foot in diameter and weighs around 45 kg.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 19. Consider the following statements:

- 1. A publication, titled '75 Endemic Birds of India' was recently released by NITI Aayog.
- 2. BharatNet aims to connect all 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in the country with broadband.
- Adichanallur archaeological site is located in Kerala.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 20. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The bird species, Jerdon's Courser is listed as 'Endangered' in IUCN Red list.
- 2. Bharat Broadband Network (BBNL), a special purpose vehicle, executes the BharatNet project.

3. Adichanallur is located on the banks of Thamirabarani river.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 21. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The highest number of endemic bird species has been recorded in the Eastern Himalayas.
- 2. BharatNet is funded by International Monetary Fund.
- 3. The excavation at Adichanallur has unearthed burial urns, metal and bronze products used by ancient Tamils and a gold diadem.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### ANSWER: A

#### 22. The term 'Juice Jacking' is associated with-

- A. Increasing efficiency of e-vehicles
- B. Low carb diet seen in news recently
- C. A movement for removal of synthetic sugar and preservatives from packaged juice
- D. Cyber-attacks

#### ANSWER: D

#### 23. Consider the following statements:

- 1. International Whaling Commission has released its first-ever extinction warning for Blue whale.
- 2. Abanindranath Tagore was the nephew of Rabindranath Tagore.
- 3. Swathi Mountains, seen recently in news, is an anti-tank missile.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 24. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Vaquita Porpoise is 'critically endangered' and world's largest porpoise.
- 2. Abanindranath Tagore created the 'Indian Society of Oriental Art'.
- 3. Weapon Locating Radar (WLR-M) called "Swathi Mountains" has been developed by DRDO.

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1 & 3 only

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 25. Consider the following statements:

- International Whaling Commission headquarters are located at Birmingham, England.
- 2. Arabian Nights, Ganesh Janani, The Victory of Buddha, Mona Lisa, Bharat Mata are some famous paintings of Abanindranath Tagore.
- 3. The Swathi radar comes in three versionsplains, mountains and sky

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 26. Consider the following statements:

- A parliamentary standing committee has recommended setting up at least 10 shops in each district to exclusively sell millets and millet-based products.
- 2. The Defence Ministry has decided to replace the Microsoft Operating System (OS) in all computers connected to the Internet with a new OS, Maya.
- 3. Almost 50 % of the Bhagwa pomegranate export from the country is from the Solapur district in Goa.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 27. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India is the largest producer of millets in the world.
- An 'end point detection and protection system', Chakravyuh, is also being installed in defence ministry systems.

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3. India is the second largest producer of pomegranate in the world.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 28. Consider the following statements:

- 1. National Year of Millets was celebrated in 2019.
- 2. Maya OS is based on closed-source platform Ubuntu, which is developed locally.
- Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage is the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of India.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 29. Consider the following statements:

- World Lion Day is annually observed on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar awards are given in the field of literature.
- Belém Declaration calls for ensuring participation of Indigenous Peoples in decisionmaking.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 2 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### **30.** Consider the following statements:

1. Asiatic lions are slightly larger than African lions.

- 2. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar was the first director of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research.
- 3. Bolivia, Brazil and Chile are also members of Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization.

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 31. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The lion census in India is conducted once every five years.
- 2. Any Citizen of India engaged in research up to age of 35 years is eligible for Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar awards.
- 3. Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization includes all countries of South America.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 32. Which state has launched 'Atithi Portal' to expedite the registration process for migrant workers?
- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Gujarat
- D. Kerala

#### ANSWER: D

#### 33. Consider the following statements:

- 1. State of Elementary Education in Rural India report was recently released by Pratham NGO.
- 2. Article 73(3) of Constitution states that the Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha.
- 3. The second phase of the annual Nationwide Mass Drug Administration initiative for Lymphatic Filariasis was launched across the nation.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

A. 1 & 2 only

- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 34. Consider the following statements:

 The first 'State of Elementary Education in Rural India' report covered all states and UTs of the country.

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- 2. A no confidence motion can only be moved in the Lok Sabha.
- 3. Lymphatic Filariasis is a neglected tropical disease.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 35. Consider the following statements:

- 1. According to 'State of Elementary Education in Rural India' report, dropout rate during primary schooling was more for girls than boys.
- 2. The first motion of no confidence was moved in 1953.
- 3. Lymphatic Filariasis, also called Elephantiasis, is a bacterial disease.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 36. Consider the following statements:

- UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency.
- 2. Legionella bacteria are found naturally in saltwater/brackish areas.
- 3. A pioneer species is one that, concerning the size of its population, significantly affects its surroundings.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 37. Consider the following statements:

- 1. UNFPA is supported by United Nations regular budget.
- 2. Legionella bacteria can cause a serious type of pneumonia called Legionnaires' disease.
- 3. Flying Fox Bat is currently listed as vermin under Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 38. Consider the following statements:

- UNFPA headquarters are located in Los Angeles, USA.
- 2. A vaccine is available for Legionnaires' disease.
- 3. IUCN Red List status of Flying Fox Bat is Vulnerable.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 39. Consider the following statements:

- 1. About 75% of the existing manuscripts are in more than 80 regional languages/scripts, while 25% are in Sanskrit.
- 2. Glyphosate is a widely used insecticide which was developed in 1970.
- 3. Two cases of bubonic plague have been reported recently in China.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 40. Consider the following statements:

1. The Bakhshali manuscript is considered to be the earliest recorded example of the use of zero.

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- 2. Glyphosate is considered a broad-spectrum herbicide.
- 3. Bubonic plague is a viral disease caused by fleabite and spread by rodents.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 41. Consider the following statements:

- 1. National Mission for Manuscripts is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education.
- 2. Glyphosate is applied to the roots of plants to kill weeds.
- 3. Human-to-human transmission of bubonic plague is common.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### ANSWER: D

#### 42. Consider the following statements:

- The "Graphene-Aurora Program" was recently launched by Ministry of Science and Technology.
- 2. Recently announced Vishwakarma Yojana, aims to assist landless labourers.
- 3. Tylototriton zaimeng, discovered recently, is a species of fish.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 43. Consider the following statements:

- 1. "Graphene-Aurora Program" will be led by Digital University Kerala.
- 2. Under the Vishwakarma Yojana, artisans and craftsmen will be provided recognition through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card.
- 3. Zaimeng lake is a fresh water lake, located in Nagaland.

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 44. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Graphene is a single layer of carbon atoms arranged in an octagonal lattice.
- 2. Under Vishwakarma Yojana, craftsmen will be provided credit support of up to Rs 2 lakh in two tranche with a concessional interest rate of 5%.
- 3. Tylototriton zaimeng is a medium-sized salamander.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 45. Consider the following statements:

- Under PM e-bus Sewa scheme, 100,000 e-buses will be added to city bus services across the country.
- Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission is an Autonomous Institution of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- 3. Minamata Convention was the first global landmark treaty to protect people and the environment from the toxic effects of mercury.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 46. Consider the following statements:

 Cities with a population of four lakh and above will be covered under the PM e-bus Sewa scheme.

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- 2. National Formulary of India is a manual that contains information about selected pharmaceutical drugs.
- 3. There is no known safe exposure level for elemental mercury in humans, and effects can occur at even very low levels.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 47. Consider the following statements:

- 1. States or cities will be responsible for running the bus services and making payments to the bus operators, under PM e-bus Sewa scheme.
- 2. The Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) is officially recognized by 25 countries, mostly in Africa.
- 3. India ratified the Minamata Convention in 2018.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 48. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Gandhinagar Declaration aims at eradication of Malaria.
- As per recent expansion approval to Digital India programme, ninety more supercomputers to be added under the National Super Computer Mission.
- 3. Skyroot Aerospace was the first Indian private start-up to send its launch vehicle into space.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 49. Consider the following statements:

- 1. South-East Asian Region accounts for nearly half of the global TB cases and deaths.
- 2. India's first supercomputer was PARAM 10000.
- 3. The Agnilet engine is the world's sole single-piece 3D-printed engine.

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 50. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Tuberculosis is a bacterial infection and can spread from person to person.
- 2. Al Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT' is India's largest and fastest Al supercomputing system.
- 3. Agnikul Cosmos was the first Indian company to sign an agreement with ISRO in December 2020.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 51. Consider the following statements:

- Total number of Jan Dhan accounts in the country has crossed 50 crore-mark.
- 2. The high-level committee to celebrate 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dayanand Saraswati will be headed by Home Minister.
- Congo has recently announced a \$500 million debt-for-nature swap for marine conservation.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 52. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana was launched in 2015.
- 2. Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati gave the slogan "Back to the Vedas".
- 3. The world's first and largest debt swap to conserve oceans was signed by Ecuador.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 53. Consider the following statements:

- 1. PMJDY accounts have an overdraft facility of up to Rs 1000.
- 2. Dayanand Saraswati established the Arya Samaj in 1875 with headquarters in Mumbai.
- 3. Debt-for-nature swaps generally have higher interest rates.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 54. Consider the following statements:

- A fact sheet listing 36 species for agroforestry has been prepared by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education.
- Tapas 201 is an anti-tank missile developed by DRDO.
- 3. 'Namoh 108' is a newly developed less pungent variety of mustard.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 55. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education is headquartered in Chennai.
- 2. Tapas BH-201 was previously referred to as Rustom-II.
- 3. Namoh in Sanskrit translates to 'salutations.'

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only

- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 56. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Agrosilvopastoral system consists combination of crops, livestock and trees.
- 2. TAPAS BH 201 is being developed in India by Aeronautical Development Establishment.
- 3. Namoh 108 is first lotus variety whose genome is completely sequenced for its characteristics.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### ANSWER: D

#### 57. Consider the following statements:

- 1. IUCN red list status of Hangul (Kashmir stag) is endangered.
- 2. The ninth Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India region conference was organized in Jaipur.
- 3. Suresh N Patel has been appointed as chairman of Advisory Board on Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF).

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 58. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Hangul is the only survivor of the red deer group in the Indian sub-continent.
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was founded in 1911 as the Empire Parliamentary Association.
- The ABBFF conducts the first level examination of bank frauds before recommendations or references are made to investigative by agencies.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 59. Consider the following statements:

1. The population census of Hangul is conducted every three years.

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- 2. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association is headquartered at New York.
- 3. The ABBFF can also give inputs for policy formulation related to frauds to the Reserve Bank of India and the CVC.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### **60.** Consider the following statements:

- 1. Piripkura indigenous tribe is found in Northern Siberia.
- 2. The Piripkura tribe's population is estimated to consist of merely three individuals.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### **61.** Consider the following statements:

- 1. Basrur was a historical trading city of the medieval period located in present day Maharashtra.
- 2. Bharat New Car Assessment Programme is associated with car pollution standards.
- 3. Methanotrophs are bacteria for which methane is their carbon and energy source.

#### Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### **62.** Consider the following statements:

1. Uhayadesi, Nanadesi are terms associated with trading guilds.

- 2. Under Bharat NCAP, Cars will be assigned a rating between one star to ten stars after being evaluated on three parameters.
- 3. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas and has a global warming potential over 85 times greater than carbon dioxide on a 20-year timescale.

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### **63.** Consider the following statements:

- 1. Mylara cult worship the deity named Mailara, who is believed to be a manifestation of Lord Vishnu.
- 2. Under the Bharat NCAP, cars nominated by automobile manufacturers will be crash tested against Automotive Industry Standard 197.
- 3. Methylotuvimicrobium buryatense 5GB1C is a methanotroph that can grow at high methane concentrations.

#### Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 64. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India has become the 4<sup>th</sup> country to land on the Moon's South pole.
- 2. Calyampudi Radhakrishnan Rao, who passed away recently, was a famous actor.
- 3. ASTRA is a Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air missile.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 65. Consider the following statements:

1. Chandrayaan-3 is expected to operate for at least 14 lunar days on the lunar surface.

2. Calyampudi Radhakrishnan Rao was awarded with both the Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan.

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3. ASTRA has a speed of Mach 4.5.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 66. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA) is onboard the rover to measure seismic activity around the landing site.
- 2. Cramer–Rao inequality and Rao–Blackwellization theorem and Fisher–Rao metric concepts have been pioneered by C R Rao.
- 3. ASTRA BVR air-to-air missile is procured from Israel.

#### Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### **67. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Allu Arjun bagged the Best Actor award under 69<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards for the film Pushpa: The Rise.
- 2. 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' is aimed at motivating customers to ask for a bill every time they make purchases.
- 3. Eastern equine encephalitis virus was first discovered in pigs.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 68. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Rocketry: The Nambi Effect won the award for Best Feature Film under National Film Awards.
- 2. 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' scheme will be initially launched in all North Indian regional states.

3. There are no vaccines available to treat the Eastern equine encephalitis virus.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 69. Consider the following statements:

- 1. National Film Awards are presented by the Prime Minister of India.
- 2. The minimum purchase value for the invoice to be considered under 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' lucky draw is ₹2000.
- 3. Eastern equine encephalitis virus can spread from person to person.

#### Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: D**

#### 70. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Zika Virus, reported to cause microcephaly, was first detected in Brazil.
- 2. Seethakali dance drama is primarily performed by Dalit artists.
- 3. Tele-Law 2.0 initiative entails the fusion of Tele-Law Services with Nyaya Bandhu pro bono legal services.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 71. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Zika virus is primarily transmitted to humans through the bite of infected fleas.
- 2. Seethakali presents minuscule episodes of the Ramayana at every homestead.
- 3. Tele –Law initiative is operating under the DISHA Scheme.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 72. Consider the following statements:

1. No vaccine is yet available for prevention from Zika virus.

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- 2. The art form of Seethakali was first performed some 1500 years back.
- 3. Services under Tele –Law scheme are free for everyone.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 73. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Union Home Minister is the Chairman of all Zonal Councils.
- 2. Trinetra, launched recently, is an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile.
- 3. National Financial Reporting Authority is the country's sole independent audit regulator.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 1 & 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 74. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The idea of the creation of Zonal Councils was mooted by Saradar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- Centre for Development of Telematics is under the purview of Ministry of Communications and IT.
- National Financial Reporting Authority replaced the National Advisory Committee on Accounting Standards.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 75. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The North Eastern Council was set up under the Zonal Council Act, 1956.
- 2. Trinetra system provides 24x7 near real-time actionable cyber-security status and detection and resolution of cyber-threats.
- 3. National Financial Reporting Authority comes under the purview of Ministry of Finance.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 3 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: A**

#### 76. Consider the following statements:

- 1. As per State of India's Birds 2023 report, there is a general increase in numbers in most bird species.
- 2. Somatic genetic mutations are inherited from parents and are present in every cell of an individual's body.
- 3. Emperor Penguin is the tallest and heaviest of all 18 living penguin species.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: C**

#### 77. Consider the following statements:

1. "Specialists" bird species have seen rapid rise in numbers as per the State of India's Birds 2023 report.

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- 2. Somatic genetic mutations can also cause cancer.
- 3. Emperor Penguin is the only penguin species that breeds during the Arctic winter.

## Which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 1 & 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### 78. Consider the following statements:

- 1. As per State of India's Birds 2023 report, 178 bird species are high conservation priority as per IUCN standards.
- 2. Somatic genetic variants are important for a number of normal physiological processes.
- 3. IUCN status Of Emperor Penguin is 'Endangered'.

#### Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 & 2 only
- B. 2 & 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

#### ANSWER: A

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- 1. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Tragopan-melanocephalus is the scientific name of Himachal Pradesh's state bird.
- 2. Its IUCN Red list status is 'Least Concern'

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 2. Neugal river is the tributary of \_\_\_\_\_river.
- A. Ravi
- B. Beas
- C. Satluj
- D. Parbati

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 3. Which district will be hosting the four-day Asian Rafting Championship in September?
- A. Shimla
- B. Lhaul spiti
- C. Chamba
- D. Hamirpur

#### **ANSWER: D**

- 4. Consider the following statements:
- 1. Hattee Community, with over 2.53 lakh population of Trans Giri tract (GIRIPAR) in Kinnaur district, has been granted ST status.
- Hattees derive their name from the tradition of selling homegrown vegetables, crops, meat, wool etc. at small markets.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: B**

- 5. The religious site of Baridhar is located in-
- A. Shimla
- B. Solan
- C. Mandi
- D. Sirmaur

#### **ANSWER: B**

6. Which of the following is/are objectives of Mukhyamantri Van Vistar Yojana?

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- A. To prevent soil erosion
- B. To prevent excessive runoff
- C. To provide livelihood opportunity to the local population
- D. All of the above

#### ANSWER: D

- 7. Nalagarh Fort in Solan was built by Raja Bikram Chand of Chand dynasty in-
- A. 1421 AD
- B. 1422 AD
- C. 1423 AD
- D. 1428 AD

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 8. Pong dam recently recorded the highest-ever water inflow of-
- A. 7.15 lakh cusecs
- B. 7.20 lakh cusecs
- C. 7.25 lakh cusecs
- D. 7.30 lakh cusecs

#### ANSWER: D

- The government has recently announced that five heliports would be constructed in district.
- A. Solan
- B. Shimla
- C. Kangra
- D. Hamirpur

#### **ANSWER: D**

- Koldam Hydropower Station is located on river-
- A. Ravi
- B. Beas
- C. Satluj
- D. Parbati

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 11. The support price of apple, orange and mango under Market Intervention Scheme has been fixed at-
- A. Rs 8 per kg
- B. Rs 10 per kg
- C. Rs 12 per kg
- D. Rs 14 per kg

#### ANSWER: C

#### 12. Consider the following statements:

- 1. A rare black eagle was spotted for the first time in Chail wildlife sanctuary in Solan district.
- 2. IUCN red list status of Black Eagle is 'Least concern'.

#### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

#### **ANSWER: C**

- 13. The two eye banks in the state are located in-
- A. Kangra and Shimla
- B. Kangra and Solan
- C. Kullu and Shimla
- D. Chamba and Shimla

#### **ANSWER: A**

14. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Board of Governors of IIT-Mandi?

- A. Pradeep Bajwa
- B. Vaibhay Srivastava
- C. Lt Gen Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon
- D. Ram Subhag Singh

#### **ANSWER: C**

15. The kath-kuni style is associated with-

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- A. Architecture
- B. Painting
- C. Textiles
- D. Metallurgy

#### **ANSWER: A**

- 16. The Himachal state government has tied up with which country for 'disaster risk reduction and preparedness programme'?
- A. Germany
- B. Italy
- C. Japan
- D. France

**ANSWER:D** 

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